

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 541**

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board  
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AUTHOR: Senator Thomas PRIMARY CODE CITE: 56-5-2942  
SUBJECT: Hatley's Law

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 541 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by enacting "Hatley's Law", which amends Section 56-5-2942 and adds Section 50-21-118 relating to the immobilization (i.e., suspension and surrender of the registration and license plate or certificate of number) of a motor vehicle and/or watercraft upon the conviction of the owner of the vehicle for certain alcohol related offenses. The Bill specifies penalties for violations.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

Implementation would result in a non-recurring other funds expenses of approximately \$18,150 for programming associated with the new violations and suspensions to be added to the Phoenix system. The Bill states that DMV would receive a \$40 reinstatement fee from an individual who has been convicted of these offenses and had the registration and license tag suspended from a vehicle that was immobilized.

Department of Natural Resources

The Department indicates the Bill might result in some additional work for officers who would have to remove stickers from boats. However, this could be accomplished during the course of their normal workday. There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund or on Federal or Other Funds. The Bill also requires that a \$50 reinstatement fee be paid to the Department for each device that was immobilized.

Judicial Department

The Department indicates this Bill would have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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